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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
Herbert W. Holland

SERIAL NO.: 10/038,018

GROUP ART UNIT: 1742

FILED: January 03, 2002

EXAMINER: Leader, William T.

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING CONTAMINANTS FROM CONDUITS
AND FLUID COLUMNS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 09, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application for patent is respectfully requested. In response to the Office Action dated September 09, 2003, Applicant requests amendment of the application as set forth below.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-12, 23-24 and 31-36 and amend claim 14.

14. (Once Amended) The method according to claim 13 further comprising the steps of:

replacing the electrodes; and

disposing of the [solidified] separated contaminants.

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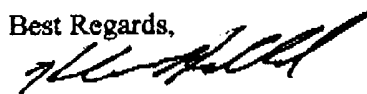
The following pages are my response to your office actions of September 09, 2003 for US Patent Applications nos. 10/038,017 and 10/038,018.

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